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SUBJECT: MORE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THE RAIL LINK

REF: (A) GABORONE 0624, (B) GABORONE 0607

1. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS ON THE BOTSWANA LINK OF THE RHODESIA RAILWAYS WERE GIVEN ANOTHER BRIEF MENTION IN AN ARTICLE ON HIS STATE VISIT TO INDIA IN THE APRIL 7 ISSUE OF THE BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS. IN THE STORY PRESIDENT KHAMA IS REPORTED AS SAYING TO AN INDIAN PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI APRIL 6 THAT HIS COUNTRY

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WOULD LIKE INDIAN HELP TO TRAIN PERSONNEL TO MANAGE THE RAILWAY.

TH STORY NOTES THAT RHODESIA RUNS 'BOTSWANA'S RAILWAYS' BUT BOTSWANA IS THINKING OF NATIONALIZING THEM AND WOULD 'LIKE INDIAN HELP FOR MAINTENANCE AND MANAGERIAL STAFF.'

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND REFERENCE IN THE RECENT PAST BY PRESIDENT KHAMA TO THE NEED OR DESIRE FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR THE RAILROAD. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW (REF B) KHAMA IS REPORTED AS INDICATING THAT HE MIGHT BE FORCED TO TURN TO CHINA TO 'ADMINISTER AND RUN THE RAILWAY.'  
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